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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2633** 

> PATENT 4450-0160P

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS Technology Center 2600

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 April 6, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated November 6, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-23.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a second month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained forg responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of 110.00 (1) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for one March 8, 2004. Thus a fee of \$310.00 is required to obtain a  $\boxtimes$ 

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second month extension for filing the Notice of Appeal. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows: 冈 Large entity - \$330.00 Small Entity - \$165.00 Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$640.00. Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:  $\boxtimes$ Check(s) in the amount of \$640.00 is/are enclosed. П Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees. Respectfully submitted, BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP Cammarata, P.O. Box 747

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